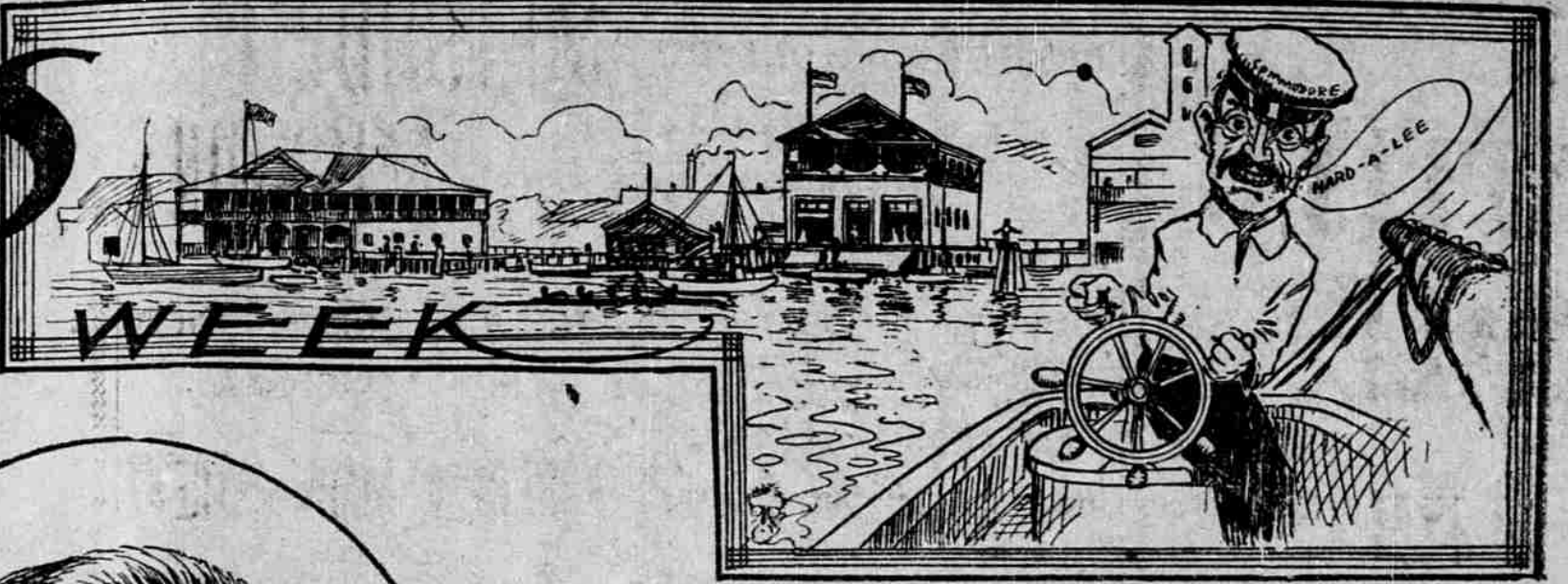


# SPORTS

## OF THE WEEK



### BASEBALL ORGANIZATION IS STILL UNPERFECTED

Professionalism Must Be Eradicated To Make the National Game of America a Success In These Islands.

THE baseball agitation continues with unabated vigor and plans for the reorganization of the national game in Honolulu are still being brought forward.

As yet nothing definite has been done, but the matter is being given serious consideration in several quarters, and the question will undoubtedly graduate from the conjectural form inside of two weeks.

What seems to be the most practicable scheme introduced so far has been submitted by a well-known enthusiast in local athletics and the gist of it is contained in the following extracts from his communication:

As interest in baseball seems to be reviving, it may not be out of place to offer a few suggestions for the coming season. That some radical changes must be made in the methods heretofore pursued, if the season is to be a success, is apparent.

There is a scheme afoot for the purification of the athletics of the Islands which will call for the establishment of a standard based on amateurism. Hawaii at the present time is not the place for the professional athlete as a participant in sports, and the lack of interest in sports in general here may be due to the fact that there is not a line drawn between the professional and amateur. Were such a line drawn now the percentage of amateurs would be surprisingly small.

The interest in the game in the past has shown that people here care for baseball as baseball without the suspicion of professional methods which have done so much to deaden that interest.

The suggestions here made are made in the hope that they will call forth objections and better suggestions to fill their place. They are intended to fit in with the plans for the general athletic scheme to include nearly all the sports of the Islands.

In the first place it is essential that some arrangements be made for a permanent athletic field. Available ground for that will soon be hard to find. Con-

sidered from the standpoint of all-round athletics, Kapiolani Park race track seems to be best adapted. If suitable arrangements could be made for the use of the same there would be ample room inside the track for baseball, football, cricket, tennis, etc. With proper transportation the distance from the City should not prove too great.

It would be most desirable that the ball games be free as they were formerly. In order to insure this all those interested in the game and those who would derive the profit from them should bear the expense. Admission to grand stand, refreshment licences and score card privileges would also help. The street car lines and those who would make extra profit from regular games at the Park should be willing to contribute and make special concessions to players.

In order that the games may be real contests it is desirable that no one team should absorb the best men, and to obviate that, this suggestion is made: That all the players of the City who desire to play ball be called together and that from these players three or four captains be chosen regardless of former team affiliations. Then these captains by successive choices select teams to include in the neighborhood of fifteen men. The selection of captains is of great importance and the aim should be to secure men with thorough baseball knowledge and ability to handle men rather than the best individual players. Careful selection is also needed in the choice of managers, as much of the success of the season will depend on their work in keeping the interest alive with the public as well as management of finances and transportation.

A prize of a suitable nature should be offered for the team winning it a certain number of seasons. Also individual prizes for batting, fielding, base running, etc. A careful and correct system of scoring should be adopted and records and percentages published from time to time. Competent officials should serve a season continuously.

These suggestions are made in reference to the League season and not to the inter-scholastic contests, which should unquestionably be run on college lines.

The use of any other part of the body to hold or assist in holding the ball constitutes a foul. The ball is out of bounds only when it has completely crossed the line.

### THE BASKETBALL SEASON TO OPEN

A Fortnight From Today Local Players Will Begin the Fight For the Honors of the Game.

Two weeks from today the local basketball season will be in full swing and the struggle for League supremacy fairly underway.

Basketball is a comparatively new game here, but it has caught on wonderfully since its inception, and its popularity has advanced by leaps and bounds.

A. J. Coats introduced the game here and it is mainly through his efforts that the League enters upon its second season. Last year the championship was won by the Maile Ilima team.

The series of the present season will be played under conditions similar to those which governed last year's contests. A few of the points which will be particularly attended to are appended.

The referee shall be judge of the ball. He shall decide when the ball is in play, to whom it belongs and when a goal has been made.

Whenever the ball is put in play by tossing it up the referee shall stand so that he shall throw the ball in a plane at right angles to the side lines.

The referee shall call a foul when any player is addressed by any player other than the captains.

The umpires shall be judge of the men and shall call all fouls.

A goal made from the field shall count two points; a goal made from a foul shall count as one point; a goal thrown shall count for the side into whose goal the ball is thrown, even though it was done by mistake.

The referee shall put the ball in play by tossing the ball up in a plane at right angles to the side lines, so that it will drop near the center of the field, which shall be indicated by a conspicuous mark. This is to be done at the opening of the game, at the beginning of the second half, and after each goal.

After the referee puts the ball in play in the center, it must be first touched by one of the center men, who shall have been previously indicated to the referee. Violation of this rule constitutes a foul.

Both men may jump for the ball, the better man, of course, gaining the advantage. When two fouls at once, on opposite sides, are called, they should be thrown in succession. The ball should then be put in play in the center.

The two opponents nearest this spot when time was called shall be the first to touch the ball after play is resumed. They shall be indicated by the referee.

When the ball is held by two or more players for any length of time, the referee shall blow his whistle, stop the play and throw the ball up from where it was held.

The game shall consist of two halves of twenty minutes each with a rest of ten minutes between the halves. These times may be changed by mutual agreement of the captains.

The ball may be thrown or batted in any direction with one or both hands. The ball shall not be kicked or struck with the fist. Violation of this rule is a foul.

The ball shall be held by the hands on-



C. J. Harper was born in Auckland, New Zealand, and in that country gained a wide reputation for his skill and proficiency in the sports of football, swimming, cycling, boxing, fencing, rowing and yachting. Mr. Harper is now a resident of Honolulu and thinks that Association football has a great future in the Islands. In his opinion the English players individually are just as good as their Scotch brethren, and he puts down the success of the latter to their superior knowledge of the game as a team. The standard of the local play he says is very good.

Of late Harper has suffered from rheumatism and on this account has had to forego active participation in sport. He is better now, however, and expects to reinforce the ranks of cricketers and yachtsmen this season. Mr. Harper is local correspondent of the Auckland Star and sends frequent accounts of Hawaiian sporting happenings to his journal.

### FIRST OF ROWING RACES OF YEAR

Big Three-Cornered Contest in Shells Is Being Planned for the 22nd of the Present Month.

February 23, Washington's birthday, will witness the inauguration of the first rowing season of the twentieth century. For that date a three-cornered race in shells is being planned, to be rowed between Healan and Myrtle men.

The captains of the crews are: A. F. Judd, Jack Alkinson and Carl Rhodes. Judd's boat will be Messrs. A. F. Judd, O. Sorensen, James Lloyd and either Geo. Martin, Fred. Church or John Waterhouse. Their title will be the "Benedicts."

In the second boat will be Messrs. Jack Atkinson, Dan. Renear, Paul Jarrett and Willie Soper. This aggregation will be registered, the "Also Rans."

The third boat will be manned by Messrs. Merle Johnson, Bert Webster, Fred.

West and Carl Rhodes, and this bunch have been appropriately christened the "O Promise Me's."

The distance has not yet been decided upon, but active training has begun. The race is first boat home for a dinner.

P. Maurice MacMahon, Hilo's speedy short-distance runner, says that he is desirous of again donning the spiked shoe and will go into gentle training. He wants to join some live athletic association which intends to put a track team in the field this season.

The polo players will practice this afternoon at Moanalua links, and it is expected that a captain will be selected who will choose and train a team to oppose a combination representative of the Maui Polo Club.

Out of respect to the memory of the late Queen Victoria, the Association football clubs and the Honolulu Golf Club will suspend operation for a week.

The football game scheduled for today between England and Iolani United will accordingly be postponed one week.

### GUN CLUB SCHEME FOR HONOLULU HANGS FIRE

Plenty of Men Anxious To Join But None Has Taken the Initiative in Starting the Plan For Trapshooting Here.

THE scheme of organizing a gun club in Honolulu seems to hang fire somehow. There are plenty of shooting enthusiasts here and any amount of guns, but the trouble seems to be a lack of knowledge and experience in the launching of such a desirable enterprise.

When a party of shooters or sportsmen desire to organize a gun club, a few of the leading spirits should appoint a time and place for a meeting, and invite all interested to be present. A gun or sporting goods store is an excellent place to meet.

The meeting should be called to order by one of the promoters and a chairman and secretary should be elected to act until a permanent organization is effected.

After the object of the meeting has been sufficiently discussed, and all present who desire to become members of the proposed club have given their

names, a committee of three or four should be appointed to suggest a name for the club and to draft a constitution and by-laws for permanent organization. The committee to have authority to call a meeting again when ready to report. At the second meeting action should be taken on the report of the committee, and the organization be completed by electing officers. A committee should be appointed to select suitable grounds, to prepare same and to purchase traps, targets and whatever is necessary for an outfit.

This committee may have power to act or may be required to report all proposed purchases and arrangements for the approval of a meeting, before completing same. The secretary should be instructed to send notice at once to the press of the organization of the club.

It is important to have a good, live man as secretary, who will keep the papers informed of the scores and doings of the club. This keeps the members pleased and interested, and attracts the attention of the sporting fraternity in general, which is of value.

and, being played in deep water, calls for well-developed staying powers on the part of participants.

### WATER POLO THE LATEST IN SPORT

Local Swimmers and Athletes Will Meet in Rivalry in the Sea at the Healan Boathouse.

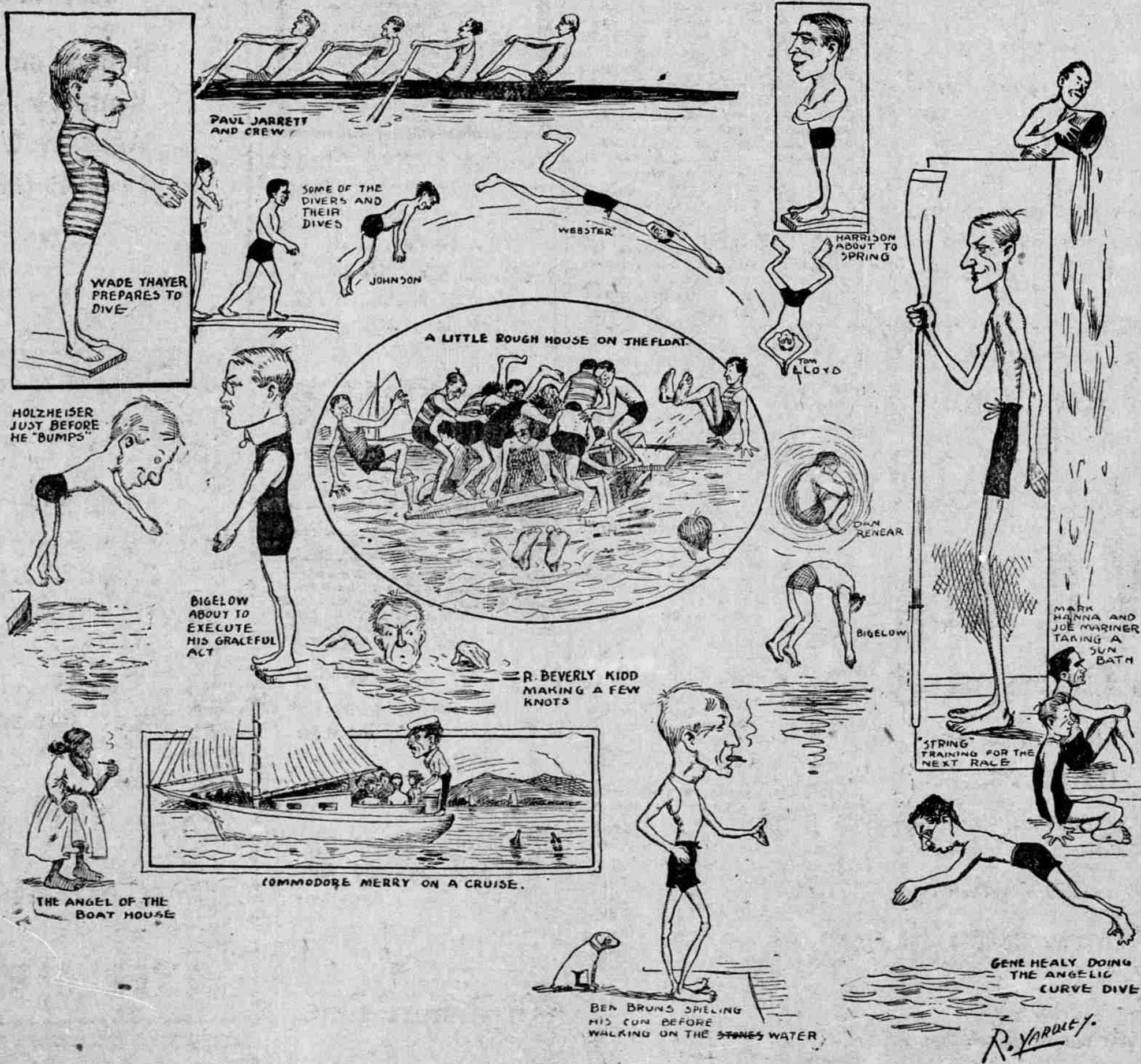
The very latest thing talked about in Honolulu athletic and aquatic circles is water polo, and a team to play the game is being organized by Dan Renear, the champion amphibian of the Healan Boathouse.

The game is an entire innovation here and is at once one of the most interesting and exciting of water sports.

Water polo is very generally played on the Coast, the large swimming baths to be found in most cities on the Pacific Slope being admirably adapted to the game. In Honolulu the players will perform their evolutions in the water of the harbor, between the lanai boat and diving platform of the Healan Club. The game is a kind of aquatic football,

#### CALENDAR OF SPORTS.

- February 2-Polo, Moanalua, 3 p. m.
- February 3-Co. B, N.G.H., rifle match.
- February 6-Maile Ilima Athletic Club meeting.
- February 9-Association football, Scotland against England.
- February 12-Myrtle Boat Club annual meeting.
- February 15-First game Basketball League at Young Men's Christian Association.
- February 22-Honolulu Golf Club, medal play. Healan-Myrtle boat race.
- February 23-Pheasant shooting ends.
- March 1-Second indoor Pentathlon contests, Young Men's Christian Association.
- March 25-Oahu College spring athletic meeting.
- May 2-Athletic exhibition, Young Men's Christian Association.



### A SOLDIER SHOOT AT KAKAOKO RANGE

Two Teams of Ten Men Will Try at the Butts on Sunday for Championship of Company B.

Tomorrow a competition shoot will take place at the Kakaoko range between teams of ten men each, selected from Company B, National Guard of Hawaii; the team scoring the lowest number of points will set 'em up next Tuesday night when the clans meet together for a social evening.

Before very long a revolver shoot will take place between the officers of the National Guard.

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